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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is believed proper since no new issues are being presented to the Examiner which would require further consideration and/or search. Indeed, the claim amendments above narrow the issues on appeal. Specifically, the claims have been amended to more particularly point out the invention.

Claims 1-17 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 7, and 9-17 are allowed and that claims 6 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome informalities under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully notes that since the phrase "carrier fly" does not appear in claim 8, that Examiner's rejections must be directed toward claim 6, which contains that phrase. Claim 6 was amended in the previous Amendment (e.g., that of June 26, 2003) to recite "a carrier fly".

Claims 6 and 8 have been amended in a manner believed fully responsive to all points raised by the Examiner, thereby to pass all of the claims to allowance. No new matter has been added.

Claim 8 has been amended to specifically recite the subject matter of claims 5 and 7, thereby to clarify the alleged indefiniteness for the Examiner.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

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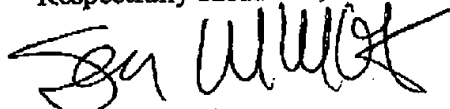
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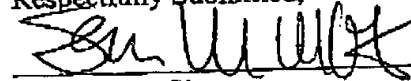
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